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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Many proud residents of Harlingen are gathering in
2 Austin on March 5, 2025, to celebrate Harlingen Day at the State
3 Capitol; and

4 WHEREAS, Since its founding in 1904, Harlingen has flourished
5 as a center of commerce, culture, and connectivity in the Rio Grande
6 Valley; its vital infrastructure, including the Port of Harlingen
7 and the Free Trade International Bridge at Los Indios, positions it
8 as a key gateway for regional and international trade; in addition,
9 Southwest Airlines has been instrumental in the growth of Valley
10 International Airport, enhancing Harlingen's role as a major hub
11 for business and tourism; runway expansions and other recent
12 upgrades have further strengthened its capacity for both passenger
13 and cargo transport; and

14 WHEREAS, Harlingen is committed to distinguishing itself as a
15 leader in higher education and workforce development; Texas State
16 Technical College and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
17 prepare students for careers in technology, health care, and other
18 crucial industries; in addition, the city is a regional leader in
19 the medical field, ensuring access to quality care and advancing
20 education as the home of Valley Baptist Health System, Harlingen
21 Medical Center, Su Clinica Harlingen, and the UTRGV Regional
22 Academic Health Center; moreover, the local small business
23 community fosters creativity and innovation; and

24 WHEREAS, Known for its warm climate and natural beauty,

1 Harlingen draws numerous outdoor enthusiasts to its world-class
2 birding sites, and it hosts the popular Rio Grande Valley Birding
3 Festival; visitors and residents alike enjoy exploring cultural
4 landmarks, among them the Iwo Jima Monument and Museum and the
5 revitalized historic downtown; and

6 WHEREAS, Residents of Harlingen take great pride in their
7 city's diverse heritage while continuing to build on its many
8 achievements of the modern era, and it is indeed fitting to honor
9 the contributions they have made to the story of the Lone Star
10 State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
12 hereby recognize March 5, 2025, as Harlingen Day at the State
13 Capitol and extend to the visiting delegation sincere best wishes
14 for a memorable and enjoyable stay in Austin.